

Swimming pools can be fun and safe

Swimming pools can be great fun for everyone, especially during the hot summer months. However, safety precautions must be followed at all times. It is important for people with backyard pools and spas to realize how easy it is for children to wander into a yard, or through a back door. Unfortunately, it only takes seconds for a child to drown.

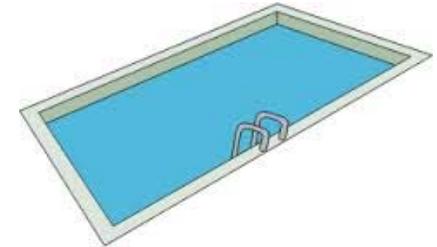
Children should never be left unattended around water even for a few seconds. Drowning is one of the leading causes of death in

Arizona for children under the age of 5.



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Pool Regulations:

Swimming pools, spas, hot tubs or other contained bodies of water, whether above ground or below ground, that are eighteen (18) inches or more in depth are any point are subject to City Building Code and Zoning Ordinance Regulations.

Fences and Barriers:

Swimming pools or spas shall be entirely enclosed by a solid wall, wood or chain link fence not less than five (5) feet, not more than six (6) feet in height, so as to prevent uninvited access. The wall or fence shall be at least 24 inches from the waters edge. There shall be no opening in the wall or fence through which a spherical object greater than four (4) inches can pass. Chain link or mesh shall have a maximum opening size of one and three-quarter inches (1-3/4") measured horizontally.

Gates and Doors:

All gates for the pool or spa enclosure shall be self-closing, self-latching and open outward from the pool. The latches must be located at least fifty-four (54) inches above the ground. On the poolside the release mechanism shall be at least five (5) inches below the top of the gate. The latch mechanism may be located at any height if secured by a permanent padlock or similar device that requires a key, electronic opener or integral combination.



Access From Residences:

If the wall of the residences serves as part of the pool or spa enclosure, there are additional regulations. All doors with direct access to pool enclosure shall have self-latching and self closing devices. The self-latching device must be located a minimum of fifty-four (54) inches above the floor. Windows must be equipped with latching device a minimum of fifty-four (54) inches above the floor or have a fixed screen or keyed lock that prevent the window from opening more than four (4) inches.

Location:

A swimming pool shall not be located in the required front yard, shall be at least ten (10) feet from the main structure, shall be at least five (5) feet from the rear or interior side lot lines, as required for the main structure in that zone.

18 inches or more:

Any pool, spa or hot tub with eighteen (18) inches or more of water depth located anywhere in the City of Cottonwood is subject to these regulations. These regulation are intended to protect everyone's children.

Pool Safety Tips:

- Never leave a child alone in a pool or around a pool area.
- Always know where your children are and what they are doing at all times without exception.
- Have a “designated child watcher”.
- Take children with you if you leave the pool area.
- Keep life-saving equipment, such as a flotation device or pole, near the pool.
- Entirely enclose the pool area and ensure all gates and latches are working properly.
- Never leave gates propped open.
- Remove items from around pool barrier that could be used to climb the barrier.

Any Questions about
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